

**REMARKS**

Claims 12 and 20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11, 13-19 and 21 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice.

**CONCLUSION**

The Advisory Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 5, 2005, provided that claims 12 and 20 "would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s)." In view of the status of claims set forth above, Applicants submit that claims 12 and 20 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. If any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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